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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 5-8 February

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FILE No. 81 of 1905-06.

Transport of timber from the Chedleth Forests in the Wynadd through the Mysore territory and the establishment of timber depots in Mysore by the Madras Forest Department.

5 From the First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, No. 6193, dated 25th October 1905.
Forwards copy of letter dated 20th May 1905, from the Madras Government and states that the subject is under correspondence between the Residency and the Madras Government.

6 From the First Assistant to the Resident, No. 136, dated 5th January 1906.
Forwards copy of letter No. 2325, dated 18th December 1905, from the Secretary to the Government of Madras, stating that the subject of transit of Madras timber through the Mysore forests and the Kolvalle-Machiyur route, may be regarded as settled and that by the establishment of timber depots in Mysore the Government of Madras have no desire to enter into any unfair competition with the Mysore Forest Department and that all reasonable complaints in this matter will be attended to by His Excellency the Governor-in-Council and that the settlement of such questions may reasonably be expected to be achieved by the responsible Heads of the Forest Department of the two Governments; and states that in view of the assurances now given by His Excellency the Governor-in-Council, the Resident hopes that the Durbar will give the facilities required by the Madras Forest Department for the transport and sale of Malabar timber within the Mysore State.

7 To the First Assistant to the Resident, No. Pol. 680, dated 27th February 1906.
States that there is no objection to the establishment of forest depots within the Mysore Territory by the Madras Government and the sale of timber therein so long as unfair competition is avoided, the provisions of the Mysore Forest Regulation and the rules framed thereunder are complied with, complete reciprocity is recognized in the matter and the ordinary and local taxes are paid to the Mysore authorities; that this Government accept the assurance of the Madras Government that they have no desire to enter into any unfair competition with the Mysore Forest Department and imphasises the fact that the compliance of this Government with the request of the Madras Government on this occasion cannot be interpreted as implying an abandonment of their right to regulate the opening of private forest roads in Mysore territory.

8 To the Conservator of Forests, No. R. 11325, dated 2nd March 1906.
Forwards for information a copy of the above together with a copy of letter No. 2325, dated 18th December 1905, from the Secretary to the Government of Madras to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Forests.)

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File No. 81.

FILE HEADING.

Transit of timber from the Chedleth forests in the Wynaad through the Mysore Territory.

From The 1st. Assistant Resident Mysore

No. 6193 Dated 25.10.05 Received 11.11.05

Diary No. 4768	Enclos. 1	Spare Copies.	Serial No. 5

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards copy of a letter dated 20.5.05 from the Madras Govt. and states that the subject is under correspondence between the Residency and the Madras Govt.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

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The above is a reply to this office letter dated 25 March 1905 N° 808 (8° 210 11 of File no. 103-04) It has to be communicated to the Conservator of Forests who has written more

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than once on the subject. The Dewan however directs that the present reference may be filed with other papers.

2. In sending a reminder to the Residency in continuation of their office No 80 & above cited we have stated that the local forest authorities have been directed not to permit any innovation – Vide No 312 & 24/10/05

3. Subl for orders as to whether a copy of the Madras Govt letter to the Residency may be sent to the Cochin Govt. The Madras Govt is not willing to enter into any agreement that the selling-price of their timber will not be less than that charged for state timber in port depots. In fact the price will have to be solely determined by free competition. In addition to the competition of private merchants we have the competition of a port with its vast resources which will no doubt materially affect

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from the correspondence it that is going on between the Residency and the Madras Govt. that being so, I think we would be acting rightly if we withheld the issue of orders pending the result of that correspondence. The Madras Govt will not. I am afraid reconsider their decision in regard to the important condition in question. Let us however await further developments. Will Madras Govt's letter in general (17-11-05) months old & the Resident is presumably asking them to reconsider the matter & if the meantime he has received a copy of that letter because we sent him a reminder last month.

17.11.1905

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Papers with Govt Order Pole 312 x
Please see No. ~~3306~~ of
25th Oct. & 1st Copy Received

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THE RESIDENT MYSORE

BANGALORE.

January 1906.

My dear Dewan,

I am writing to you officially today on the subject of the transport and sale of Malabar timber within Mysore territory.

2. The correspondence which was summarised in Mr. William's letter of the 17th October 1905 to the Madras Government makes it clear that in opening private forest roads to the use of the Madras Forest Department or of their contractors, the Mysore Government have conferred a privilege, for which they deserve(and indeed have received) the acknowledgments of the Madras Authorities.

At the same time Mr.Fraser does not think that this is a privilege which the Durbar would be justified in refusing to grant, provided that their reasonable conditions to prevent smuggling are complied with and the Madras Government concede complete reciprocity. It being granted (1) that the Madras Government have the right to ask to establish depots for the sale of timber in Mysore territory, like any private merchant and (2)that it is impossible for the Durbar to claim to regulate the prices at which the Madras authorities shall sell, it follows that in a case like the present it would be a piece of unavailing churlishness for the Durbar to attempt to keep out the competition of their

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From the 1st Assistant to the Resident in Mysore No. 136 dated 5th January 1906.

Forwards for information copy of letter No. 2325 dated the 18th December 1905 from the Madras Govt. regarding the transport and sale of Malabar timber within the Mysore Territory and hopes that the Mysore Forest Departt will give the facilities required by the Madras Forest Departt.

The facilities required are:-

(1) Permission to make a ford at Kolvallé across the Kabini river and a road for two miles through the Mysore Forests to join the Mysore-Manantoddy Road near Machinpur.

(2) Permission to open timber sale depots at Mysore, Nanjanagud and Hampapur.

(3) Use of two acres of waste land for the use of the depôt at Hampapur rent free.

The conditions upon which the above facilities are required are:-

(1) the abandonment of the existing road of 14 miles from Parvagudé to Gundri through the Mysore Forests.

(2) Prohibition to halt or sell timber during transit from Kolavalle to Machin-

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8. To the above both the Govts have assented. Regarding the selling rate the Madras Govt state that they have no desire to enter into any unfair competition with the Mysore Forest Deptt and that they will attend to all reasonable complaint regarding the same. It is also stated that the settlement of such questions may be left to the responsible heads of the Forest departt of both the two Govts.

9. Before sending a final reply to the Residency the Coms may be furnished with a copy of the last letter of the Madras Govt.

Subd with a draft for approval or other orders to Secy. The Coms may be consulted cs 9.1.06 although it is probable that we shall have to be satisfied with the assurance of the Madras Govt not to enter into any unfair competition with our timber, as we cannot prevent the Madras Govt from opening depots & selling timber at the rates they chose which are such which may be done by any private individual

Draft corrected. Put up 9.1.06

Put up a few copies of it 9.1.06.

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Submitted to His Highness.

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The accompanying draft to the Residency in reply to their letter No.136 of the 5th January, intimating that the Durbar have no objection to the Madras Government establishing forest depots within Mysore territory and selling timber therein, under certain conditions, may be approved.

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

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Subject.

Draft to Residency regarding the Madras Government establishing forest depots within Mysore Territory and selling timber therein, under certain conditions.

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Order.

The settlement seems to be satisfactory & the draft suitable. I notice, however, that no reference is made in the draft to the point adverted to in the last six lines of Mr Moss King's d.o. letter of the 5th of January. Should this not be included ?

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~~KRM~~
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No. 6193 Enclosure

Forwarded 11.11.1905

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FROM

R. C. H. MOSS KING, ESQ., I. C. S.,
FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

Pol No 825 Dy 13.11.1905

Ft. 81 of 05-06
Serial No. 5.

To

The Dewan of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 25th October *190*5.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Venkatavaradiengar's letter No.808, dated 25th March 1905, regarding the passage of timber from the Chedleth forests in the Wynaad through Mysore territory.

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2. In reply I am to forward, for the information of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja, the accompanying copy of a letter No.465, dated the 20th May 1905, from the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, and to say that the subject is under correspondence between this Residency and the Madras Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

First Assistant Resident.

Copy of letter no.465, dated the 20th May 1905, from Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

I am directed to reply to your letter No.1948 dated 31st March 1905 with which you forwarded the reply of the Durbar to the proposals made in Mr.Atkinson's letter No.1362 dated 12th December 1904, regarding the transport and sale of Malabar timber in Mysore.

2. The Durbar are ready to accept the arrangements proposed for the transport of timber from Kolvalle through the Mysore forests to the Manantoddy-Mysore road, and agree to the establishment by the Madras Forest Department of sale depots at Mysore, Nanjangode and Hampapur. They however suggest the addition of two rules proposed for the regulation of the transport of timber through the Mysore forests and request that the Madras Government will undertake not to sell timber at a lower price than that fixed by the Mysore Forest authorities.

3. I am to request you to inform the Durbar that the Government have no objection to the addition of the two rules proposed, namely, to prohibit cartmen from halting in the Mysore Forest and to prohibit sales except in recognised depots: but they are unable to enter into any engagement that the Madras selling rate should at no time be less than the Mysore rate. It is obvious that any such restriction would be a serious obstacle to trade and would render it impossible for the Madras Forest Department practically to carry on the business for which the depots are intended.

4. The Madras Government have no desire to undersell the Mysore Forest Department; they merely wish to have access to towns and industries, the timber trade of which has hitherto been and must continue to be open to all. The supply of timber

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No. 136 Enclosure

From

R. C. H. MOSS KING, Esq., I. C. S.,
FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

Pol No 1151 Dy 6.1.06
To 8

The Dewan of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 5th January 1906.

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Sir,

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81 No. 4
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I am directed to invite a reference to the correspondence ending with Mr. Venkatavaradiengar's letter Pol No.312, dated 24th October 1905, regarding the transport and sale of Malabar timber within Mysore territory.

2. I am now to forward, for the information of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja, the accompanying copy of a letter No.2325, dated 18th December 1905, from the Secretary to the Government of Madras on the subject, and to say that in view of the assurances now given by His Excellency the Governor in Council, the Resident hopes that the Durbar will give the facilities required by the Madras Forest Department for the transport and sale of Malabar timber within the Mysore State.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

First Assistant Resident.

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No.2325, dated ,the 18th December 1905.

From.- The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Revenue Department.

To.- The Honourable the Resident in Mysore.

I am directed to address you with reference to correspondence ending with Mr.Williams' letters Nos.6015 and 6477, dated 17th October and 6th November 1905.

2. In Mr.Atkinson's letter No.3060,dated 22nd December 1903, with which this correspondence commenced, this Government asked that the permission of the Mysore Government might be obtained to the construction of a bridge across the Kanagal Hole to enable timber from the Chedleth forests of the North Malabar division to be passed across to a new depot proposed to be established at Kolvalle in Malabar. The Mysore Durbar, however,in Mr.Muttannah's letter No. 611-7411,dated 8th March 1904,objected to this bridge as involving the use by private purchasers of four miles of road through Mysore forests and the consequent increase of opportunities for smuggling en route and suggested that the Madras Government should connect Parvagudde with Kolvalle by a forest road through their own territory. In Mr.Atkinson's letter No.1362 Revenue,dated 12th December 1904,this Government accepted the Durbar's suggestion to connect Parvagudde with Kolvalle by a Forest road,but as it would be necessary to provide an outlet from the depot at the latter place,they proposed to make a ford at Kolvalle across the Kabbani River and a road for two miles through the Mysore forests to join the main Manantoddy-Mysore road near Machiyur. The constructions of this road would enable the use of the Gundri depôt in Mysore territory and of 14 miles of Mysore forest road, which had subsisted since 1881,to be given up. At the same time, it was intimated that this Government proposed to establish three depôts in Mysore for the sale of timber from the Wynaad forests and the Mysore Government was asked to allow the use of 2 acres of Government waste at Hampapur as a site for one of these depôts.

3. In Mr.B.K.Venkatararadiengar's letter of the 25th March

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reasonable conditions imposed by the Mysore Durbar in regard to the making or using roads through Mysore forests or the establishing of a depot in Mysore territory. Similarly this Government have now assented to all suggestions made by the Durbar regarding the Kolvalle-Machiyur route; the Durbar has agreed to the proposed arrangement, and this Government regard that part of the subject as settled

5. The question of the establishment of sale depôts in Mysore is a different and separate matter. The right of the British Government, as of any private individual, to open such depots for the sale of produce, whether timber or other goods, cannot be disputed and His Excellency the Governor in Council has no doubt that the Government of His Highness the Maharaja would never dispute it. They may have misgivings, as intimated in their letter of the 25th March 1905, that the establishment of such depôts will handicap their Forest Department, but they would never, His Excellency is convinced, seriously contend that they are entitled to negative the establishment of the depôts nor to impose any restriction on the free trade in timber at those depôts, provided that the rules made under the Mysore Forest Regulation are complied with. On the other hand the Government of Madras, as already intimated, have no desire to enter into any unfair competition with the Mysore Forest Department and I am to say that His Excellency in Council will at all times be ready to attend to any reasonable complaint that competition is being carried too far. The settlement of such questions may, however, be reasonably expected to be achieved by the responsible heads of the Forest Department of the two Governments, and this Government sees no ground to anticipate any difficulties.

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6. In the light of these explanations and assurances, I am to express the hope that you will be able to present the matter to the Mysore Durbar in the correct light, so that a satisfactory settlement of this long pending question may be arrived at.

7. Referring to Mr.Williams' letter No.6477, dated 6th November I am to say that early in September last the Board of Revenue was ordered to postpone all action in the matter pending further orders. But the delay thus caused has already been a source of serious

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embarassment and loss to the Madras Forest Department. The Board of Revenue reports that 13,000 cubic feet of timber are lying in the Hampapur depôt and that this timber is deteriorating. It cannot be removed elsewhere except at a loss and its sale value is daily depreciating while it lies at Hampapur. I am therefore to ask that the Durbar may be communicated with as little delay as possible and that their reply may be asked for at the earliest possible date.

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C O P Y.

for Registrar,
Resident's Office.

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From

R. C. H. MOSS KING, Esq., I. C. S.,
FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

Pol no. 1387 dy 22.2.06

The Dewan of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 20th February 1906

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Sir,

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I am directed to forward a copy of a letter No. 192-D-06-1, dated the 14th February 1906, from the Government of Madras in the Revenue Department regarding the sale in the Mysore State of timber brought from the Wynaad Forests, and to request that the Resident may be favoured with a very early reply to this office letter No.136, dated the 5th January 1906 on the subject.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

First Assistant Resident.

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To Pol no 680 dy 27.2.06

R.C.H. Moss King Esqr., I.C.S.,
First Assistant to the Hon'ble
the Resident in Mysore.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.136, dated the 5th January 1906, forwarding a copy of letter No.2325, dated the 18th December 1905, from the Secretary to the Government of Madras, regarding the transport and sale of Malabar timber within Mysore Territory.

2. The Government of His Highness the Maharaja will have no objection to the establishment of forest depots within the Mysore Territory by the Madras Government and to the sale of timber therein so long as (1) unfair competition is avoided; (2) the provisions of the Mysore Forest Regulation and the rules framed thereunder are complied with; ~~and~~ (3) complete reciprocity is recognized in the matter; and (4) the ordinary local taxes levied are paid to the Mysore Authorities.

3. The Government of His Highness the Maharaja note from ~~their~~ letter No. 2325 dated 18.12.05 ~~this~~ that they the Madras Government are quite willing to abide by those conditions